

Communication from Public

Name: Mathilde

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 02:58 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: We are in a terrible public health emergency. People are dying. 165 unhoused people died in LA County in January, averaging over five people a day. Project Roomkey has been phasing out because of budget issues and fell incredibly short of it's original goal. Meanwhile, LA County Board of Supervisors have already taken action on moving forward with FEMA. Dear Councilmembers, I am writing this comment to urge you to ask Mayor Garcetti to commandeer hotels to house every unhoused Angeleno immediately. Garcetti has the legal authority to commandeer hotels under eminent domain and emergency powers due to the COVID pandemic but has refused to do so. San Francisco's City Council ordered SF's Mayor to commandeer hotels to house everyone experiencing homeless. Why hasn't LA City Council done this? LA has 70,000 hotel rooms which will remain vacant for the next five years, according to a UCLA report. Mayor Garcetti has refused to commandeer a single hotel during a pandemic and environmental crisis. By declining to commandeer hotels, LA City Council and Mayor Garcetti show that they care more about their relationships with wealthy hotel developers than the lives of 40,000 Angelenos who are at risk of dying from COVID and exposure to toxic air and heat. LA City Council subsidizes these hotels with public funds while they refuse to serve the public interest. Why are we still promising hotels \$1 billion in taxpayers' money during a global pandemic and homelessness crisis? The City needs to rethink its priorities and apply pressure on hotels to give back to Los Angeles. We need homes, not vacant hotel suites. This is a life or death issue and your chance to show leadership and compassion. Respectfully, Mathilde

Communication from Public

Name: Grace Eickmeyer

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 03:01 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express support for FEMA motion CF-21-0113. I urge Nury Martinez and the LA City Council to pass it without delay. This is one instance in which the federal government is providing resources that can immediately help people at risk on the streets of our city. As we have seen the horrific events in both Texas and in our own communities, people are dying needlessly, of COVID and weather-related exposure. With the city of Los Angeles facing compounding public health crises along with a substantial budget deficit, it is a no brainer to take advantage of the benefit FEMA is providing. You have the power to provide shelter to thousands of our unhoused neighbors and literally save lives at no cost. Every day you delay, you demonstrate a callous disregard for human life. Haven't we seen enough death?

Communication from Public

Name: Alice

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 04:20 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: The 100% FEMA reimbursement is time-limited and Angelenos are dying on the streets everyday. Our city must immediately make use of vacant hotels and motels to save lives. What is city council waiting for?

Communication from Public

Name: Abigail Bokun

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 04:35 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: Hotels are underutilized right now, and now that federal funding has been made readily available, I find it extremely concerning that City Council has made no further efforts to pass this motion. We have a whole plethora of federal money, ready and waiting to be used to house thousands of homeless Angelenos. Over 5 people die in the streets every day! I'm shocked that Nury and the City Council aren't moving faster to take the free money we have been provided with to get more folks into the currently vacant hotels. Hotels should be the priority, not tiny homes that barely function as a livable location and are subsequently then surrounded by police to terrorize any unhoused that can't be accommodated. Seize those hotels! We can totally pay for it now! San Francisco is doing the same, why aren't we? Seems odd. Please and thank you!!

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Name:

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 05:57 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Two full weeks of no movement have gone by. We've called in to give public comments. We've advocated with our direct representatives. We've called and emailed the Council President expressing urgency and asking questions. No response. No answers. The Council President Nury Martinez has not mentioned it. Everyday that City council wastes not putting their full energy behind this to pass this motion costs lives and is absolutely unacceptable.

Communication from Public

Name: S. S.

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 12:33 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We have had this FEMA money for almost a month now. Over 100 unhoused people have died, languishing on our streets since then. We need to move with urgency on this motion, it's already too late. Councilwoman Martinez needs to agendize this ASAP and we need overwhelming support. We need our city to move with the swiftness to meet this crisis.

Communication from Public

Name: Gina Viola

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 12:55 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: YOU ALL NEED TO GET YOUR ASSES OUT ON THE STREETS AT TALK TO PEOPLE LIVING IN THEM!!! SERIOUSLY! I have been trying to do my best to help my houseless neighbors since the start of this pandemic. I live in Hollywood. Not a single one wants to be out on the streets. Not a single one has come from Iowa. Not a single one could believe it when I told them that there are 70,000 empty hotel rooms RIGHT NOW. You need to move on this now. I swear as I live and breath I will spend every last day of my life auditing every single dollar you take from FEMA to find out where those monies ended up. - People are dying. 165 unhoused people died in LA County in January, averaging over five people a day. This is a public health emergency. - Project Roomkey has been phasing out because of budget issues and fell incredibly short of it's original goal. - <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-09-22/homeless-people-hotels-project-roomkey-phasing-out> - Project Roomkey tracker - Board of Supervisors have already took action on moving forward FEMA. - <https://www.dailynews.com/2021/02/09/county-leaders-seek-faster-release-of-fema-funds-to-help-extend-hotel-rooms-for-homeless/> - City Council could use their influence to urge Mayor Garcetti to commandeer hotels to house every unhoused Angeleno immediately. - Garcetti has the legal authority to commandeer hotels under eminent domain and emergency powers due to the COVID pandemic but has refused to do so. - San Francisco's City Council ordered SF's Mayor to commandeer hotels to house everyone experiencing homeless. Why hasn't LA City Council done this? - LA has 70,000 hotel rooms which will remain vacant for the next five years, according to a UCLA report. Mayor Garcetti has refused to commandeer a single hotel during a pandemic and environmental crisis. - By declining to commandeer hotels, LA City Council and Mayor Garcetti show that they care more about their relationships with wealthy hotel developers than the lives of 40,000 Angelenos who are at risk of dying from COVID and exposure to toxic air and heat. - LA City Council subsidizes these hotels with public funds while they refuse to serve the public interest. - Why are we still promising hotels \$1 billion in taxpayers' money during a global pandemic and homelessness crisis? The City needs to rethink its priorities and apply pressure on hotels to give back to Los Angeles. We need homes, not vacant hotel suites.

Communication from Public

Name: Madison Davey

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 01:48 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: The federal government is willing to reimburse the placement of unhoused peoples into hotels- why not do something that will save 5 human lives each day? The lack of action by the city council, tying up the motion created to expand use of the hotels for the houseless, is unsettling and crass. Project Roomkey is expiring and now is the time to act, emboldened by FEMA. The dignity and soul of our city is on the line.

Communication from Public

Name: Ryan Egan

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 01:49 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, You need to act with more urgency to support CF21-0113 and rapidly scale up the city' use of hotels as homeless housing. This is literally a life or death issue each day. Five people die a day in our city, this needs the full attention and power of the City Council. The City Council should follow the Board of Supervisors' lead and take advantage of the FEMA reimbursements. Any delay in aid costs lives. Seize the hotels and give people the literal most basic thing needed for survival: shelter. Use your influence to urge the Mayor to do his part as well. Outside of the Covid risks, homeless people are exposed to toxic air, heat, and cold. They need aid with as much urgency and scope as possible. Why are we subsidizing hotels and handing over millions in taxpayers' money only to act as if we those businesses now should not be utilized to improve the lives of people just looking to survive in this city? With how bad things are right now there is no excuse for vacant hotel rooms. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 02:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, CM Martinez I had trouble getting through so am leaving a written comment. Given that FEMA has offered FULL REIMBURSEMENT for hotels for the unhoused : D , it's imperative that you pass the FEMA Motion CF 21-0113. I'm sure you must be thrilled about the free money to help Angelenos currently living & dying on our streets at ~ 5 people a day. If additional time is needed for this a Friday city council meeting might be the solution you're looking for. Thank you for all your help! Peace be with you,

Communication from Public

Name: Lane McFaddin

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 02:05 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: It is absolutely insane how little urgency this council has shown in getting this motion passed. People are dying. 165 unhoused people died in LA County in January, averaging over five people a day. This is a public health emergency. We need to be using this FEMA money. It's free money, use it now! Please pass this motion at the next council meeting. There is no time to waste!

Communication from Public

Name: Emily Skehan

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 02:19 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: I urge Councilmember Martinez and the entire city council to immediately address CF 21-0113 and to urge Mayor Garcetti to use the time-limited, full FEMA subsidies to house our neighbors in need. Hotel rooms are sitting unused and will continue to be under utilized for many months to come, while we face an unprecedented public health crisis compounded by a housing crisis. This is an excellent opportunity for leadership that will come at minimal cost to the City and County. City Council could use their influence to urge Mayor Garcetti to commandeer hotels to house every unhoused Angeleno immediately, which is in his legal authority to do. Now that federal funding is available, city council must act urgently to take advantage of this moment and house thousands of people. Please pass this motion and ensure that it is met with the urgency this crisis requires. Waive it through the COVID committee and send it to the full City Council for a vote next Tuesday.

Communication from Public

Name: Hector Gomez

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 11:48 AM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: City Council must use their power to work with Mayor Garcetti to commandeer hotels to house every unhoused Angeleno immediately. Not only does Garcetti have the legal authority to commandeer hotels, but the Biden administration is reimbursing the city for the full costs now. Hotel rooms sit empty not for a lack of funding but for a lack of care for the 5 unhoused people dying of exposure a day in this city.

Communication from Public

Name: Arielle Bernstein

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 11:52 AM

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Name: German

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 02:27 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: If FEMA offers reimbursement to the city to shelter unhoused Angelenos, then Los Angeles should take that help. We call in so much and most of us never get thru- public comment time should be extended to appropriate slotted time to hear more constituents - Friday meetings should not be canceled - We should have city council listen to unhoused constituents and travelers alike calling in to hear the stories of these forgotten neighbors. Nury it's not you we are attacking, it's your ideas- it's your falling in rank- you know the world you defend is the world that makes Herman Nelson or whatever his fucking forsaken name is continue with his hate rhetoric while other Angelenos cannot speak without interference- we do not attack you Nury- we attack the ideas you defend. This goes for every single of you city council members. Except you Joey buckets. Go fuck yourself. You all can be out organized and out voted. See to it that you remember who you work for (the people of LA)

Communication from Public

Name: Ruth
Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 02:29 PM
Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: The Project Roomkey near my encampment could have made Homelessness in my neighborhood go down to 0 (it had the capacity) but instead it doubled it because most of the population of people housed there were not from this neighborhood but surrounding ones. It neglected to refer people with medical vulnerabilities living in the immediate location of the hotel for years in favor of specific demographics: over 65, under a freeway, sources of 311 complaints among them. I was not assisted by it and even tried to get in but failed. Despite my personal feelings about that, the 150 people remaining have been trickling out on to the streets of my neighborhood for months and is about to be released at the end of March. Since I am very medically vulnerable and will probably not survive COVID-19, and have been unsheltered in the general area of the hotel for years (since there were only 39 homeless people here) I beg you to at least compel the Sportsmen's Lodge not to close before every guest is vaccinated for COVID-19. It will be impossible to inoculate the Guests when they leave and very difficult to transfer them to another location before they have been immunized. Thank you, "Roofless"



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NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



Comment Card

Comment Time Limit will be set by the Leader of the Meeting

Date: 1-20-'21

☒ I wish to speak during the Public Comment period about something NOT on the Agenda, but within the Board's jurisdiction.

☐ I wish to speak on Agenda item(s) # _____

☐ I wish to speak FOR/AGAINST Agenda item(s) # _____

☐ I wish to provide GENERAL COMMENTS on Agenda Item(s) # _____

☐ I do not wish to speak, but want my opinion to be recorded into the Minutes in FAVOR/OPPOSITION to Agenda Item(s) # _____

Name: RUTH (your neighbor without a roof)

Address: [None] I have been homeless in Studio City since 2018.

Phone: (561)662-3713 E-Mail: rooflessruth@gmail.com



Project Roomkey

Please don't close until
all Guests have gotten
vaccinated!



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Name: Kristen Cunningham

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 02:31 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: Honestly it's common sense to use funds allotted for helping homeless folks to help homeless folks. This will be life saving. We owe this to our fellow citizens! We are in the middle of a pandemic we need to offer folks more protection, not just because it's the right thing to do, but also because it will help cut the spread of the coronavirus.

Communication from Public

Name: Kevin Varzandeh

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 02:32 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: We need to move urgently to seize the hotels. 5 unhoused people are dying each day. The Biden administration announced FEMA would reimburse hotels for the unhoused 100% a month ago. So what are you waiting for? There is no time for reports back. There is no time for this to sit in committee. Put it on the agenda and pass it immediately. Having thousands of empty hotel rooms while people die on the sidewalk is a moral abomination.

Communication from Public

Name: Laura

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 02:38 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: Pass this motion and ensure that it is met with the urgency this crisis requires. The Council should focus on maximizing the number of hotel rooms and using this resource to address the COVID crisis. It is imperative to prioritize hotels as safe options for housing. Not tiny homes, not congregate shelters. Hotels can turn into permanent social housing. This city should do everything in its power to afford ALL of its residents the right to remain safe during this crisis.

Communication from Public

Name: Jacob, Freydont-Attie

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 10:29 AM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: The homeless situation in Los Angeles is the ultimate moral judgement on the failure of our society. People are living and dying on the streets everyone around us while hotels and many other buildings sit empty. To not act now, when we clearly have the legal and financial opportunity, is simply a moral failure. Seize the hotels, house the homeless, and prove that government can provide solutions to our problems.

Communication from Public

Name: Kuniko Vroman
Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 10:53 AM
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<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-09-22/homeless-people-hotels-project-roomkey-phasing-out> Project Roomkey tracker Board of Supervisors have already took action on moving forward FEMA.
<https://www.dailynews.com/2021/02/09/county-leaders-seek-faster-release-of-fema-funds-to-help-extend-hotel-rooms-for-homeless/> City Council could use their influence to urge Mayor Garcetti to commandeer hotels to house every unhoused Angeleno immediately. Garcetti has the legal authority to commandeer hotels under eminent domain and emergency powers due to the COVID pandemic but has refused to do so. San Francisco's City Council ordered SF's Mayor to commandeer hotels to house everyone experiencing homeless. Why hasn't LA City Council done this? LA has 70,000 hotel rooms which will remain vacant for the next five years, according to a UCLA report. Mayor Garcetti has refused to commandeer a single hotel during a pandemic and environmental crisis. By declining to commandeer hotels, LA City Council and Mayor Garcetti show that they care more about their relationships with wealthy hotel developers than the lives of 40,000 Angelenos who are at risk of dying from COVID and exposure to toxic air and heat. LA City Council subsidizes these hotels with public funds while they refuse to serve the public interest. Why are we still promising hotels \$1 billion in taxpayers' money during a global pandemic and homelessness crisis? The City needs to rethink its priorities and apply pressure on hotels to give back to Los Angeles. We need homes, not vacant hotel suites.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 11:02 AM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: LA has far too many unoccupied rooms and far too many unhoused people to stand. Every day, at least 5 of those homeless people die, because the city of LA refuses to use its power (granted by FEMA) to seize hotel rooms to give them shelter. And in a rapidly worsening pandemic and climate emergency, these numbers are only growing. Serve the people and pressure Mayor Garcetti to provide housing with the FEMA reimbursement to any Angelenos who need it.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 11:13 AM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: It is ghastly what the City Council is doing. It will cost the city ZERO dollars to house the human beings on our streets thanks to FEMA. Is the cruelty the point?

Communication from Public

Name: Terra Ashe

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 11:20 AM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: I am shocked by the lack of action by the city council to get our unhoused folk, who are dying at a rate of 5.5 PER DAY in Los Angeles right now, into housing. FEMA has offered to completely reimburse the Los Angeles for us to seize hotels and house people in a pandemic. Yes it has been a year, but we are very much still in a pandemic. Hotels are barely even being used, use the money from FEMA to seize a hotel and get every last one of our over 66,000 unhoused population. An absurdly high number for a place that spends half their budget on militarizing their police. This is ridiculous, with FEMA offering full reimbursement this should be done by the end of the week. There is no reason for hold up so don't give one, just do it. And STOP wasting money by displacing and stealing the property of unhoused folk with your sweeps, which the CDC has said not to do during a pandemic. What are you trying to prove? That LA hates homeless people the most because that is what you are proving every day when you continue sweeps that lead to death and spreads diseases, when an offer to house our entire homeless population for free is just sitting there waiting to be used, and you do nothing and instead let 5.5 of our unhoused neighbors die instead. Stop the sweeps and seize the hotels now. Urge the mayor to commandeer hotels if you have to, the Board of Supervisors have already taken action to move forward with FEMA so lets get this going fast, no unhoused person should be on the streets, unless chosen by them by the first of March.

Communication from Public

Name: Celeste Mancia

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 11:23 AM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: Unhoused people in Los Angeles are dying every day from exposure, lack of resources, and COVID-19. This is a public health emergency and the city needs to take action immediately by seizing the hotels. I urge the City Council to use their influence to push the mayor to commandeer hotels. Why is the city subsidizing these hotels with public funds while they are not being used for the public good?

Communication from Public

Name: Lionel Mares

Date Submitted: 02/18/2021 11:55 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: Hello Council-members, I am a constituent in Council District #6. I have lived in the San Fernando Valley for the entirety of my life. I have seen a major increase in homelessness in my neighborhood. There has been an increase in crime such as property crime and auto thief. I also noticed a major increase in pollution such as trash and illegal dumping. Part of the problem is homelessness because many of these homeless folk have no place to sleep in a stable environment and they leave their trash behind as it accumulates overtime due to the fact that the homeless population have no place to put in their trash and recyclables. We should take urgent action to address this social problem. I had enough of the pollution, vandalism and the lack of job opportunities for all of us working class poor and the homeless who became homeless due to economic reasons, some due to alcohol and drug addition. We should also consider reviving the mental institution to house mentally ill people to give them rehabilitation and to find a way that would steer them away from drugs and alcohol. We must take action to address the homelessness crises. We must also invest in communities in the northeast San Fernando Valley where we have unhoused folks living on the streets as well and not just in Los Angeles. Please take action so that we can move on to other important topics. Thank you for your time and consideration. Regards, Lionel M.

Communication from Public

Name: Erin M

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 01:49 AM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: Please put this motion on the agenda and pass it. The people have been demanding it loud and clear. Each day you wait is more blood on your hands. Pass this motion, seize the hotels, house the unhoused, save lives. We can't afford to wait one minute longer.

Communication from Public

Name: Phillip Kim

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 04:33 AM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: 1000s of hotel rooms sit empty. 5 people are dying a day on the streets. The federal gov is reimbursing 100% of the leasing costs to house the unhoused in those rooms. People are dying each day you choose to delay this motion. There are no good reasons we aren't housing folks, only BAD reasons we don't.

Communication from Public

Name: Robert Peppey

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 06:23 AM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: Another outrage by the Mayor and City Council. FEMA to reimburse LA 100% to house unhoused in hotels yet nothing Garcetti passes on the money. What a cruel bunch of monsters y'all are. Commandeer the hotels in Downtown LA. Garcetti and y'all gave the wealthy owners of LA Live hotels and the Intercontinental Hotel \$ Billion dollars. Bobby Peppey

Communication from Public

Name: Thomas

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 09:10 AM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: Don't sit idly by on this gov't reimbursed opportunity to commandeer hotels. Not taking action is deadly to Angelinos. Don't be cruel. By declining to commandeer hotels, LA City Council and Mayor Garcetti show that they care more about their relationships with wealthy hotel developers than the lives of 40,000 Angelenos who are at risk of dying from COVID and exposure to toxic air and heat. From lovely Reseda 91335

Communication from Public

Name: Justin Curran

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 09:37 AM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: SEIZE THE HOTELS. PEOPLE ARE DYING ON THE STREET WE MUST ACT WITH URGENCY! THERE IS NO GOOD REASON WHY PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ARE NOT IN THE ROOMS RIGHT NOW. ACT DAMNIT!

Communication from Public

Name: Austin Kuniyoshi

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 10:23 AM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: Homelessness is a major issue in Los Angeles and unless addressed will never go away. Every day homeless people are dying due to neglect in "California's real capitol" and it is well beyond time to take more aggressive and humane measures to ensure we work toward a better society and to solve the problems we face. I urge City Council to pass CF 21-0113 for the purpose of commandeering hotels for the unhoused.

Communication from Public

Name: Jamie York

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 10:24 AM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the expansion project room key. As a member of the reseda Neighborhood Council I am too familiar with the issues of homelessness in our community. Expanding project room key allows us to act immediately to humanely and safely get unhoused people into non congregate shelters. Too many of those experiencing initial homelessness move into chronic homelessness because of the associated damage and trauma of living on the street. I hope this is supported. And I especially hope my councilmember Bob Blumenfield supports it.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 06:11 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: The federal government recognizes how urgent the housing crisis is in this country, notably in Los Angeles, and especially during a global pandemic. They are offering 100% reimbursement towards this important effort, but this is time-limited. The time to act is now. Our unhoused neighbors are struggling, suffering, and dying on the streets today and everyday. Our city must immediately make use of vacant hotels and motels to save many lives now. There are plenty of hotel rooms and this pandemic is not ending anytime soon. Please ensure that this FEMA motion is met with the urgency that this crisis requires and frankly has required for too long. Please waive it through the COVID committee and send it to the full City Council for a vote now!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 06:24 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: Hotels are underutilized right now, providing the city the opportunity to expand affordable/social housing stock. Now that federal funding is available, City Council must act urgently to take advantage of this moment and house thousands of people! ASAP.

Communication from Public

Name: Abbey

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 07:08 PM

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Name: Nancy Williams
Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 07:12 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: It is vital that we house our houseless and take advantage of these federal funds. We are in a houselessness emergency and a pandemic emergency. Seize the hotels.

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Name: Saul Nolasco

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 07:19 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hotels are underutilized right now, providing the city the opportunity to expand affordable/social housing stock. Now that federal funding is available, City Council Nury Martinez must act urgently to take advantage of this moment and house thousands of people. SEIZE THE HOTELS NOW! Were a year into a pandemic with the end still far from sight. It is imperative to move swiftly and firmly to provide housing for people experiencing homelessness. Act with urgency to this crisis. Use the FEMA motion. Waive it through the COVID committee and send it to the full City Council for a vote NOW!

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth Walle
Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 07:20 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Why are we sitting back and letting unhoused people sleep on the street when the federal government is fully funding our city's effort to seize hotels. We live in the epicenter of the homelessness crisis, this should be your first priority. Nury, agendize the motion so we can take care of unhoused Angelenos!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 07:20 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Prioritize hotels as safe options for housing, not tiny homes, not congregate shelters. At least 70,000 hotel units will stay empty for the next 5 years. Seize the hotels and convert them into permanent social housing.

Communication from Public

Name: Kylie Sparks

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 07:28 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: 5 unhoused people are dying every day in Los Angeles and we are in a once in a century pandemic with no real end in sight. Council President Martinez MUST waive the Raman/Bonin motion to use FEMA aid through committee and immediately seize the hotels now. We cannot wait any longer.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 07:35 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: LET THE HOMELESS IN THE HOTELS. YOURE KILLING
YOUR CITIZENS EVERY DAY YOH DONT. FEMA IS
REIMBURSING. THIS IS GENOCIDE.

Communication from Public

Name: Liana Kindler

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 07:39 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is Liana Kindler and I have been a resident of Los Angeles for my entire life. I'm writing to voice my support in passing the FEMA motion CF 21-0113 by using vacant hotels to house members of the Los Angeles unhoused community. The past year has been hard enough, especially for those experiencing houselessness, and I believe that by taking up FEMA on their offer, 100% of which will be reimbursed, we can lend a helping hand to a community hit hard by the pandemic.

Communication from Public

Name: geoffrey kixmiller

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 07:44 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: It is disturbing how City Council has not taken action to utilize more empty hotel rooms to house angelenos. With 3-5 community members dying on LA streets everyday City Council's inaction is inexcusable. Project Roomkey accuoancy is at its lowest in months and FEMA has promised to reimburse the fees to house vulnerable people in hotels. Why have weeks gone by without urgent action on Mike ABO in and Nithya Raman's bill to seize the hotels? This is shameful.

Communication from Public

Name: Sherry varon

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 07:51 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: LA city council needs to focus on maximizing the number of hotel rooms and using the FREE FIMA MONEY to address the COVID crisis and help get people off the streets. Thousands of hotel rooms sit empty. The federal government is reimbursing 100% of the cost act now

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 08:01 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: Hotels are underutilized right now, providing the city the opportunity to expand affordable/social housing stock. Now that federal funding is available, City Council must act urgently to take advantage of this moment and house thousands of people. Side with the Angelenos at risk of dying from COVID or exposure, not with wealthy developers.

Communication from Public

Name: Tieira R

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 08:01 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: SEIZE THE HOTELS. GIVE PEOPLE THEIR ROOM KEYS WHEN THEY GET A HOTEL ROOM. PLS CONSIDER RECENTLY DISPLACED ALSO, ALL AGE GROUPS!

Communication from Public

Name: Chelsea

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 08:02 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: The federal government is fully funding our city's effort to house the unhoused in hotels. Yet, people are dying on the streets every day. We need to house them NOW. Seize the hotels!!! Stop letting people die.

Communication from Public

Name: Kendall James

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 08:44 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: In a global pandemic, hotel rooms sit empty. We have an immediate housing crisis and have been offered 100% reimbursed funds to seize the hotels... What is the hold up??? SEIZE THE HOTELS! Use the FEMA money to shelter unhoused Angelenos in hotel rooms!

Communication from Public

Name: Andres Solo

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 08:47 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: Everyday I travel from Los Feliz to Santa Monica by foot and train. The entire journey is beset with tents and piles of scavenged goods. These unhoused communities have continued to grow with little assistance from local or federal government. The city must commandeer hotels to take care of people. This is not only the morally just thing to do but it is in the public's interest to keep people healthy and safe. FEMA will reimburse costs, money is no excuse and never was appropriate in the first place. We are in the crisis of a lifetime but empty space is left to mock people suffering on the streets. Use your power to help poor people for once.

Communication from Public

Name: Samwise Rowe

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 08:49 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: Hotels are sitting empty right now while people die in the streets. We need to give people without reliable housing a safe place to stay during a pandemic. These empty hotels provide the city the opportunity to expand affordable/social housing stock. Now that federal funding is available, the City Council must act immediately to take advantage of this moment and house thousands of people. Every day that they fail to act leads to the death of five people. We cannot sit by and watch people suffer.

Communication from Public

Name: Carsie Mendoza

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 09:00 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: It was alarming to read that more unhoused Angelenos were dying of hypothermia than COVID-19. There is a way to make sure that does not continue to happen. Please pass the Bonin/Ramen motion to take up the FEMA money and get our unhoused citizens into hotels. You have the power! Use it!

Communication from Public

Name: Cora

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 09:02 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am writing to encourage the City Council to take advantage of FEMA reimbursement and seize the hotels to house our unhoused neighbors. Please put motion CF 21-0113 on the agenda, and pass it quickly to house people and save lives.
Sincerely, Cora Went

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 09:15 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: Just give people housing, you ghouls.

Communication from Public

Name: Emily

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 09:17 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: Hello Council President Martinez, Please agendize this motion immediately. Los Angeles has a once-in-a-lifetime chance to take serious and sweeping action, at NO COST to the city or its business community, to solve the homelessness crisis that has been a stain on our city's reputation, finances, public health, and moral foundation for decades. We must move swiftly and decisively to seize this opportunity. Inaction is inexcusable. And we all know exactly who is responsible for the delay thus far. Put CF 21-0113 onto the agenda for discussion and voting immediately. Thank you for your attention to this emergency.
Emily, living in CD5

Communication from Public

Name: Caitlin Vetere

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 09:18 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: 165 unhoused people died in LA County in January, averaging over five people a day. The city council and all public officials in the city of LA has a responsibility to prevent the loss of any more life! It is imperative that the council pass the Bonin and Raman FEMA motion. This is a public health emergency. You need to house people IMMEDIATELY with free money from FEMA. Saving lives is far more important than catering to the whims of wealthy hotel owners. Please use these EMPTY rooms to house people before any more lives are lost!!

Communication from Public

Name: Diego Crespo

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 09:21 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: It is long overdue for public officials to start taking care of ALL Angelenos. Seize the hotels. Share the comforts of indoors during the beginning of climate change, amid the pandemic. You will look good for helping people. Just do it already.

Communication from Public

Name: Dominique Star
Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 09:22 PM
Council File No: 21-0113
Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles is in the midst of a housing CRISIS. Seize the hotels.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 09:22 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: You have the proper funding to fund hotels for the unhoused yet you refuse to do it despite being allowed to do so. Unhoused people matter, and they deserve shelter during a pandemic. Fema is funding it, seize the hotels.

Communication from Public

Name: Cristina Rivera

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 09:26 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: City Council President Martinez, please put FEMA motion CF 21-0113 onto the council agenda immediately. Unhoused Angelenos are dying and you have the ability to save them. Act now.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 09:26 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: Our city is one of the richest and most powerful in the world. Why can't we do anything about the homelessness crisis? I am writing to support this motion. People are dying on the streets every day and FEMA has promised to reimburse all of the money that we use to house people during the pandemic. Why aren't we taking advantage of this? I urge everyone to pass this and make the report back as quick as possible so that we can actually help people in need.

Communication from Public

Name: Isabella Leon Chambers

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 09:28 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: I support this motion. We need to seize the hotels NOW! This legislation is long overdue. We are in the middle of a crisis and houseless people should have the opportunity to safely quarantine in hotel rooms.

Communication from Public

Name: Tessa

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 09:34 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: SEIZE THE HOTELS!!!!!! ANGELENOS ARE DYING FOR NO REASON. FEMA WILL 100% REIMBURSE YOU. DO YOU CIVIC DUTIES AND LET THE UNHOUSED SLEEP IN HOTELS

Communication from Public

Name: Cherie Heiberg
Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 09:38 PM
Council File No: 21-0113
Comments for Public Posting: Council President Martinez, stop blocking FEMA motion CF 21-0113. Add it to the city agenda immediately. You have the ability to save unhoused people who are dying on the streets. I fail to understand why you are holding this up. Act now.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 09:43 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: We need to seize the hotels and provide housing for thousands of unhoused Angelenos. The FEMA money is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Be the hero and pass the Bonin/Raman motion!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 09:53 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: Living in my car after fired from my job because I was badly injured at work and the work Comp doctor's were negligent. If I could have shelter, a shower and sleep I could find better work then this current no benefits, \$5/hour food delivery driver. But with no shower and shelter it's too difficult to get a real job. SO MANY NORMAL HARD WORKING WOMEN LIVING IN THEIR CARS TRYING TO WORK A JOB BUT IT IS HUMILIATING AND EXHAUSTING. There are hundreds of empty hotel rooms all around me in Agoura Hills. So many of us are working and paying taxes but living in our cars. We don't need extra services we just need safe shelter with a shower and bathroom. Then we can go to a job and have a place to leave our personal items. Having fresh clothes, clean teeth and a daily shower changes everything for the better!!

Communication from Public

Name: Ed Averill

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 09:55 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: Using hotels to house the houseless is an excellent choice. Please work that out! Many studies have shown this is not only a humane solution, but a much less expensive approach than trying to manage occupation of city streets.

Communication from Public

Name: Jamie Goodman
Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 09:57 PM
Council File No: 21-0113
Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the city council and mayor to use their power to seize hotels in order to house the houseless while FEMA is reimbursing 100% of the cost. This is a moral imperative and a no-brainer. It will cost the city nothing and save lives!

Communication from Public

Name: charles m

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 10:07 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: We are in the midst of a housing crisis in the city of Los Angeles. We have been for far too long & the situation has worsened significantly with the economic fallout of the pandemic. My neighbors who do not have shelter are suffering, including the elderly & parents with children, & I keep seeing new faces daily. It is essential that the city seize the hotels in order to provide safe, stable housing for our community members, & this motion is an essential step. There is no excuse when there are so many empty hotel rooms in the city & we have the funds to pay (thank you, FEMA!). I write to express how urgent it is that this motion proceeds ASAP so that the work can continue, & that more space can be provided for our unhoused community members. I used to work as a case manager for some of the most heavily-impacted, chronically unhoused elders at a safe haven in Brooklyn, NY, & I can tell you that if you can get folks inside, you can completely change their lives, even if the initial housing is transitional. People don't want to be on the street, & they don't have to be in Los Angeles. We are a city that promises so much to those who live here; please, electeds, deliver on those promises. On average, more than five people die a day on the streets here. Push this motion forward before we lose anyone else.

Communication from Public

Name: Irma

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 10:09 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: Hotels are underutilized right now, and as such, the city has the opportunity to provide housing and shelter to the vulnerable, unhoused population. Now that federal funding is available via 100% FEMA reimbursement, City Council and Council President Nury Martinez must act urgently to take advantage of this moment and house thousands of people, all of whom are immensely struggling and at risk due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Everyday that City council wastes not putting their full energy behind this to pass this motion costs lives.

Communication from Public

Name: Karli Melder

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 10:15 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: FEMA PLEASE SEIZE THE HOTELS WE HAVE PEOPLE DYING OVER HERE FROM COVID AND OUR CITY IS A DISASTER PLEASE HELP US

Communication from Public

Name: Lily Cosgrove

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 10:22 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: People are dying on the street. Please do what FEMA is making easy. Putting homeless People in hotels during the winter and a pandemic will save lives. If major corporations operate on credit relationships, than Los Angeles/ FEMA can do the same with hotels owned by successful corporations. Please seize the hotels.

Communication from Public

Name: Brian

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 10:22 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I live in los feliz. Please use the FEMA money. Please seize the hotels. People are dying on the street. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 10:37 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: People are dying in the streets, and the 100% FEMA reimbursement is time-limited. LA must immediately make use of vacant hotels and motels.

Communication from Public

Name: Max Lasser

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 10:41 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: We must act now to utilize the 100% FEMA reimbursement for Project Roomkey! Seize the hotels!

Communication from Public

Name: Christiana

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 10:57 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: Use the 100% FEMA reimbursement and seize the hotels now - 5 citizens are dying every day and you have the power to change it!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 11:10 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: Please seize the hotels.

Communication from Public

Name: Kayla

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 11:32 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: LA must focus on maximizing the number of hotel rooms and using the FREE FEMA MONEY to address the COVID crisis.

Communication from Public

Name: Phoebe Minette

Date Submitted: 02/19/2021 11:42 PM

Council File No: 21-0113

Comments for Public Posting: Hotels are underutilized right now, providing the city the opportunity to expand affordable/social housing stock. Now that federal funding is available, City Council must act urgently to take advantage of this moment and house thousands of vulnerable people.